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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Dear Sir:

please amend the above-identified Application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 30: remove the first paragraph and insert therefor:

additional production which is directly involved in the condensation of this nucleic acid.

Preferably, it acts directed at the level of the nucleic acid. For example, the precompacting agent may be any polycation, for example polylysine. According to a preferred embodiment, this